

to the penalty aforesaid for refusing to accept, the office of trustee of the poor, and no justice of the peace or sheriff, or any one who hath not the qualification to be a member of the General Assembly, shall be eligible as a trustee; and no person shall be compellable to serve in less than three years after he has served, or paid the penalty for not serving.

5. All vacancies happening by non-acceptance, death, resignation, removal out of the county, or disqualification of any of said trustees, shall be filled by the county commissioners at their next meeting thereafter.

6. The trustees so appointed and qualified, and their successors, are a body politic, with power to sue and be sued, by the name of "The Trustees of the Poor of Dorchester County," and by that name they and their successors may take and hold any gift, donation or present which shall be given, devised or bequeathed by any person to them, for the support and maintenance of the poor in said county, and may purchase and hold any lands not exceeding the yearly value of fifteen hundred dollars.

7. They may use one common seal.

8. They may make, alter, amend or repeal such by-laws as may be necessary for the relief, regulation and labor of the poor, and for the good government of the alms-house, as to them from time to time shall appear necessary.

9. They shall meet at the alms-house on the second Thursday in January, April, June and October, and as much oftener as they may deem proper for the interests of the alms-house.

10. They shall annually, between the first and the tenth day of November, appoint an overseer of the alms-house, and other proper officers and servants for carrying on the business of said corporation, and may remove the same in their discretion, and appoint others in their stead.

11. They shall require the overseer to enter into bond with good and sufficient securities in the penalty of five hundred dollars, payable to them, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.